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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Birth Control Clinics.

READ—

Letter No. C. 1103-5 dated the 27th March 1930, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, submitting proposals for the establishment of Birth Control Clinics in the Victoria and Maternity Hospitals at Bangalore and Krishnarajendra and Vani Vilas Hospitals at Mysore.

ORDER THEREON No. G. 14353-6—MED. 263-29-3, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 11TH JUNE 1930.

The Senior Surgeon reports that many women either on account of bodily ill-health or on account of frequent child-bearing are so debilitated that maternity is contra-indicated for their own sake as well as that of their progeny. With a view to provide the necessary knowledge and the means for contraception in such cases he proposes—

(1) That the Lady Medical Officers of the Victoria and the Maternity Hospitals, Bangalore, and the Krishnarajendra and the Vani Vilas Hospitals, Mysore, be authorised to enlighten women desirous of information on the subject for *bonafide* reasons and also to teach the necessary technique.

(2) That contraceptive appliances costing not more than Rs. 500 be stocked in the Institutions for being supplied at cost price to those wishing to have them.

(3) That Dr. C. V. Natarajan, who has made a special study of contraception in America may be asked to co-operate with the Lady Medical Officers by giving them such advice as they may need for the development of the clinics.

The Senior Surgeon further states that such advice will be given by Lady Medical Officers only to married women who require it on considerations of health or for economic reasons.

Under these circumstances, Government are pleased to approve of the above proposals and direct that the sum of Rs. 500 required for the purchase of contraceptive appliances be met in the first instance from the provision for "Europe Medicines" under 21 Medical, 3 Medical Stores, and recouped from the sales later.

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Chief Secretary to Government.